



Emergency Management Performance Grant / State and Local Assistance Program

Emergency Management Division
Washington Military Department

Background

Washington State annually solicits funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG). The purpose of EMPG is to support comprehensive all-hazard emergency management, including terrorism consequence management, at the state and local levels. EMPG combined several previously separate federal grant programs including State and Local Assistance (SLA), Superfund Amendments Reauthorization Act (SARA), Mitigation Assistance Program (Earthquake and State Hazard Mitigation Officer), and the Disaster Preparedness Improvement Grant (DPIG) into a single consolidated award. The Terrorism Consequence Management Program (TCMP) is part of EMPG, but is awarded and managed separately from the remaining funds. The largest single component of EMPG is SLA. The SLA Program is the primary federal funding source available to local and state governments to increase their operational capability for emergency management. Financial assistance is provided on a matching basis to jurisdictions for maintaining and improving emergency management organizations. A central objective of this program is to ensure that trained, experienced, professional personnel are present in each eligible jurisdiction.

Funding Assistance

SLA provides funding to local emergency management organizations to assist with:

- Emergency planning
- Training local emergency management personnel
- Exercising and testing emergency response plans
- Assessing hazards and capabilities
- Funding day-to-day program administration

Any city, county or combined emergency management organization is a potential recipient of SLA funding. To qualify, applicants must meet federal and state eligibility requirements. Chapter 118-09 WAC provides an overview of eligibility. Applications are solicited and funding awarded on an annual basis.

SLA

In Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2002 the state of Washington will receive approximately \$1.9 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to apply to the SLA program. Over 50 percent of SLA funds are passed directly through to 39 local jurisdictions. The remainder is used by the state Emergency Management Division (EMD) to fund state-level planning, training, public education, exercising, communications, warning and program administration.

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